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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

This invention is directed to methods for increasing or stimulating appetite in a patient which comprises administering certain growth hormone secretagogues, prodrugs thereof or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of said secretagogues or said prodrugs. More preferably, the present invention provides such methods wherein the growth hormone secretagogue is a compound of Formulá I:

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$$\mathbb{R}^4$$
 \mathbb{R}^7 \mathbb{R}^6 \mathbb{R}^7 \mathbb{R}^8

a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said secretagogue or said prodrug.